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Resolved, That the sincere thanks of this Society be tendered to Mr. John Lambert, for his able and assiduous attention to the duties of the Recording Secretaryship during his incumbency of that office.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Asiatic Society of Bengal, addressed to Dr. Charles Hufnagle, dated January 14th, 1848, accompanying the donation by that Society to the Academy, of 14 volumes of the Asiatic Researches, and 9 volumes of their Journal.

Dr. Morton read to the Society the following extracts from a printed copy of the will of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Stott, of Philadelphia :

"To the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, I bequeath my Plantæ Asiaticæ Rariores, in three large folio volumes bound in Russia leather, by Dr. Wallich, Superintendent of the Botanical Garden at Calcutta."

"By Dr. Samuel George Morton, I give and bequeath to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, two thousand dollars, in trust, to invest and keep the same in good security, or in good estate, and to apply the annual income to meet the expenses of the printing and publishing such papers communicated to the Academy, as they shall direct."

The Academy then proceeded to an election for Corresponding and Recording Secretaries, with the following result :—

Corresponding Secretary—John Cassin.

Recording Secretary—William Gambel, M. D.

ELECTION OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Bennett Dowler, M. D., of New Orleans.

A. A. Henderson, M. D., U. S. N.

Robert M. S. Jackson, M. D., Indiana county, Pennsylvania.

August 1st, 1848.

Vice President MORTON in the Chair.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Royal Society of Copenhagen, dated April 20th, 1847, acknowledging the receipt of recent numbers of the Proceedings.

Also a letter from the Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, to the same effect.

An extract from a letter from Richard Brown, Esq., addressed to Prof. Johnson, dated Sydney Mines, Nova Scotia, July 13th, 1848, in relation to a new fossil plant, (*Artesia* or *Sternbergia*) recently obtained in his vicinity.

Dr. Gambel exhibited, and read the description of a new Mexican Quail, which was referred to a committee consisting of Mr. Cassin, Dr. Townsend, and Dr. Bridges.

Dr. Gambel exhibited and made some observations upon several Birds, recently collected in Florida by Dr. Heerman, among them *Rosthramus hamatus*, *Vireo longirostris*, and *Ardea Pealii*, notices of which will be prepared for publication in the Proceedings.